mers. In the reply to the listeners' letters on agriculture efforts are made to remove their doubts and to make the programmes more interesting.

District Development Planning scheme

559. PROF. CHANDRESH P THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the Scheme of District Development Planning is working to promote a coordinated and balanced development of districts;

(b) whether the district Credit Plan Is systematicall linked with such Development Plans; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission is monitoring and evaluating these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The preparation of District Plans, which may also take into account credit plans, is still at the stage of infancy. Planning Commission is making efforts to help States strengthen district planning machinery and also to train the planning staff with a view to developing comprehensive district plans. States have also been advised to seek assistance of specialised institutions, if demand necessary, for the preparation of comprehensive district plans on a pilot basis. The progress in this direction is being watched by the Planning commission.

Study into after-effects of Nuclear War

560. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any comprehensive analysis of the after-effects of a nuclear war; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) There have been a number of comprehensive analysis on the after-effects of a nuclear war conducted by various specialised agencies including the International Commission of Scientific Unions. Government have been reviewing these and other relevant studies on an on-going basis. The Scientific Committee on Problems of Environment of the International Commission of Scientific Unions undertook a detailed study using the best available models of global athospheric circulation. These studies predict in general (a) prolonged winter (b) Reduced sunlight for several months, and (c) Significant destruction of atmospheric zone layer resulting in increased ultra violate radiation on earth. There would be global effects including in the Sub-continent and could result in (a) heavy human casualties due to intense cold and nuclear radiation, (b) Adverse changes in the climate and monsoon rains thereby affecting agriculture, (c) Large scale destruction of tropical forests and wild life, (d) Death of cattle population, and (e) Lower agricultural yield resulting in famines. Damage will more serious if war occurs in summer or early autumn then if it occurs in winter or early spring.

Fake Currency Racket

561. SHRI DINKAR RAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fake currency

racket was recently unearthed in Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Appointment of Women Scientists in BARC

562. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether women scientists are not eligible for appointments in BARC; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Women Scientists are eligible for appointments in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

(b) Does not arise.

Money transferred to RBI by Azad Hind Bank

563. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has in its possession several Crores of rupees which were transferred to it reportedly by Azad Hind Bank set up by Provisional Government of Azad Hind headed by Netaji;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Shri V. K. Challia Nadar of New No. 69, Cemetry Road, old Washarmanpet, Madras—600021 wrote to the RBI claiming payment of certain sums in 1980;

(c) whether some correspondences were made by Govrnment with Shri Nadar in respect of his claims during August 1980; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it is not in possession of any money reportedly transferred to it by the Azad Hind Bank set up by Provisional Government of Azad Hind.

(b) to (d) One Shri V. K. Chelliah Nadar of Madras had been making representations to the RBI and Government of India from time to time since 1979 claiming certain amount and gold coins alleged to have been transferred from Azad Hind Bank, Rangoon to the RBI, Calcutta in 1944. RBI has reported that it has not been able to accept the claim of Shri Nadar in the absence of any evidence about receipt of money in RBI.

Delay in commissioning of DHRUVA Reactor

564. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of DHRUVA Reactor has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it is likely to be commissioned; and